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JAMES BEACHAM HOUSE

mid-19th century

1127 Avondale Road Westminster vicinity

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1. Nam	e (indicate pref	erred name)			
historic	James W. Beacham House				
and/or common	West Avondale		_		
2. Loca	tion				
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city, town	Westminster	X vicinity of	congressional district	Sixth	
state	Maryland	county	Carroll		
3. Clas	sification				
Category district X building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered not applicable	Status occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible x yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park x private residence religious scientific transportation other:	
4. Own	er of Proper	ty (give names a	nd mailing address	es of <u>all</u> owners)	
name	Phillip S. Beachar	n 			
street & number	1127 Avondale Road	d	telephone	no.: 848-8428	
city, town	Westminster	state	and zip code MD	21157	
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

7. Description

SUMMARY: The James W. Beacham House is a mid-19th century structure that represents both the farmhouse and railroad siding elements of a prosperous Carroll County family. The house was originally built in the mid-19th century, and was remodeled and added to by James W. Beacham in the 1860s, which included Victorian period elements such as a central gabled dormer and a full-length porch (now removed).

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>: The James W. Beacham House is located on the north side of Avondale Road approximately .4 miles west of Stone Chapel Road. The house faces the Western Maryland Railroad tracks and was part of a railroad siding complex operated by the Beacham family.

The main facade of the house faces south and is six bays wide. Entrances are located in the second bay from each and with two-over-two sash windows in the other bays of the main facade. Centrally-located on the roof is a gabled dormer with a two-section window that has ornamental panes on the upper sash. The house had a full-length porch which was removed in the 20th century. The building is constructed of frame on a stone foundation. The original exterior finish was weatherboard which has been covered with asphalt siding. The gable roof is covered in standing seam sheet metal.

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8. Significance

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Level of Significance: national state __local

SUMMARY: The James W. Beacham House is an excellant example of a railroad siding and farm property from the late nineteenth century. The Beacham family purchased the property at the time the Western Maryland Railroad was being planned in this area. With its construction in 1862, the Beachams created a siding known as Beacham's Station on the Martenet's Map of Carroll County. The property was operated as a 'amily farm and dairy business, but with its access to the railroad also served a shipper for other farmers as well as a post office. The family also manufactured and sold ice cream for which it was prominently known during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The property is still in the Beacham family's ownership and operated as a farm and orchard.

HISTORY: The James W. Beacham property displays a railroad siding that served the region farmers and that has remained practically unaltered from the time of the railroad's arrival in 1862. Unlike many railroads sidings which then grew into villages, Beacham's Station continued as a family farm and remains in the same family's ownership today. It was a diversified farming operation which included dairying, an ice cream manufactory, and orchard. The location of the railroad siting also made it a shipping station for the regions farmers as well as a post office.

The farm was known as "West Avondale" and was featured in a February 27, 1886 newspaper article in the <u>Democratic Advocate</u> series on prominent Carroll County farms. The article described the background of the property and its farming operation. James W. Beacham bought the property in 1859 or 1860 from James E. Dorsey and it consisted of 228 acres with a frame house. Mr. Beacham was a farmer and carpenter from Pikesville who came to Carroll County in 1859. He constructed a modern addition to the house and at that time the house's appearance was two stories high with an L-shaped plan with a large porch extending the whole length of the front of the house. Other buildings on the property included a 40 by 70 foot bank barn with cattle shed, a wagon shed, carriage house, hog house, and poultry house.

The Beacham house was prominently known for its ice cream manufacturing. The property had a dairy building of brick with a stone floor that was cooled by a stream of pure water piped into the dairy from a nearby spring. The dairy business and ice cream manufactory was begun in 1865. The machinery at that time was driven by water power.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Democratic Advocate "West Avondale - The Residence of James W. Beacham" February 27, 1000

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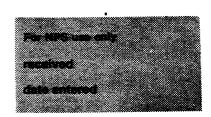
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Cream from the area's farmers was used in the manufacturing of the ice cream. Milk that was not used was shipped by rail to various markets. Ice cream was also shipped by rail, particulary during the summer season, and large markets were found in Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and resort area's such as Blue Ridge Summit and Pen-Mar Park. The ice cream was also popular at picnics, Sunday school festivals, harvest homes, church festivals, private parties and other activities in the Carroll County region.

The newspaper also describes the farming operation on the Beacham property including the dairy herd, and the black Essex's hog operation.

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

225. N. Center Street Westminster, Maryland 21157

WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

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- 2. Carroll County, Maryland
- 3. Joe Getty
- 4. August 1983
- 5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
- 6. North and west elevations (camera facing southeast)
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